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SUBJ: BRIEF VISIT BY GENERAL AMIN TO KIGALI

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1. UGANDA PRESIDENT AMIN VISITED KIGALI FOR APPROX. THREE HOURS AFTERNOON OCTOBER 31. AMIN ARRIVED BY UGANDAN AIR FORCE DC-3 1500 LOCAL FROM BUJUMBURA AND DEPARTED SAME DAY 1800 LOCAL. ACTIVITIES CONSISTED OF AIRPORT WELCOMING CEREMONY WITH BRIEF SPEECHES BY PRESIDENTS HABYARIMANA AND AMIN AND A RECEPTION IN KIGALI DURING WHICH TWO PRESIDENTS HELD PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS.

2. IN WELCOMING AMIN AT AIRPORT HABYARIMANA SPOKE IN KINYARWANDA OF GOOD RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND HAILED AMIN AS LEADER IN FIGHT AGAINST "COLONIALISM AND NO-COLONIALISM." IN
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IMPROMPTU REPLY DELIVERED IN SWAHILI, AMIN STRESSED

IMPORTANCE OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY, PARTICULARLY IN
LIBERATION STRUGGLE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA.
HE THEN CITED EXAMPLE OF ARAB UNITY IN RECENT MIDDLE
EAST FIGHTING, WHICH HAD LED TO ARAB "VICTORY" DURING
FIRST FIVE DAYS OF WAR. AMIN SAID THAT PROBLEM
REMAINING IN MIDDLE EAST WAS TO SETTLE "AMERICAN
MILITARY INTERFERENCE" BECAUSE ISRAELIS HAD BEEN BEATEN
UNTIL "AMERICAN TROOPS INTERVENED." AMIN WENT ON TO
SAY THAT US IS A BIG COUNTRY AND "WE" ASKED FOR CEASE-
FIRE IN MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE "WE" DID NOT WANT TO
FIGHT AGAINST THE AMERICANS.

3. WE HAVE NO RPT NO INFO AS YET RE SUBSTANCE OF
HABYARIMANA EAAMIN PRIVATE TALKS.
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